

LITERARY NOTES.

Englishmen are experiencing a lively pleasure in quoting and commenting upon Mr. Charles Dudley Warner's definition of what he calls "Barnumism" in American literature. This he defines as a satisfaction in superficiality and mediocrity, with a large element of boastfulness in it, and boastfulness based upon a lack of enlightenment—a want of discrimination, of fine discernment of quality; the habit of judging by the commercial test of success.

"The Saturday Review" had said so much!" exclaims "The St. James's Gazette."

The Clyde and its scenery form the background for Mr. J. M. Barrie's new novel—a book which he is writing at "Thurms," otherwise Kerriermead. The natives of Thurms are, it is said, very proud of Mr. Barrie's literary successes, though they do not give him credit for originality. They have a pet theory that he gets all his material from a local worthy; and that, having set down in his notebook the stories and anecdotes communicated by this gentleman, he merely makes fair copies and dispatches them to his London publisher.

For the first time in its history the Turkish Order of the Lyakat (i. e. of merit) has been bestowed upon a foreigner. Professor Max Müller is the happy man thus approved by the Sultan.

A companion to Sir Robert Bell's interesting "Story of the Heavens" will soon be published in the shape of Professor Bonney's carefully illustrated description of the earth's history.

The English translation of Dr. Nansen's new book, "Esquimo Life," is nearly ready for publication.

Professor A. J. Church has just finished a new book, which will soon be brought out under the title of "Pictures from Greek Life and Story."

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

THE HISTORY OF THE EXPEDITION OF LEWIS AND CLARK. To the Sources of the Missouri, River of the West, the Rocky Mountains, and Down the Columbian River to the Pacific Ocean. Performed during the years 1804-5, by order of the Government. From the original edition of 1814. With copious explanatory, geographical and scientific notes to the text, taken from new sources of information, and upon examinations of the original field notes of the Expedition, with maps and whole. By Professor John C. Drury. In four volumes. Vol. I., pp. 352. (London: P. Harper, New-York: pp. 160.)

BONHOMIE. By Isabel Archer. 16mo, pp. 100. (London & Halethorpe.)

ETHEL OF SUCCESS. A Reader for the Higher Girls of Schools. Illustrated by Inspiring Anecdotes from the Lives of Successful Men and Women. By William H. Thayer. With an introduction by Alfred G. Holt. 12mo, pp. 444. (A. M. Thayer & Co.)

AN ACCOUNT OF THE NETHERLANDS. With a Catalogue of the Netherlands Statut from 1330-1530. Edited by Robert J. Carillo. 8vo, pp. 381. (Published by the Society of the Alumni of Belhaven Hospital.)

THE UNITED STATES. An Outline of Political History. 1862-1871. By Goldwin Smith. D. C. L. 12mo, pp. 312. (Macmillan & Co.)

ELLISON FEARS THE RECORDER.

HIS COUNSEL WANTS TO TRY THE CASE BEFORE ANOTHER JUDGE.

Frank Ellison realizes that he is imminent danger of undergoing a sentence of twenty years for his brutal assault on W. H. Henriques, and is fearful of being tried before Recorder Smyth. His case was on the calendar of Part III of General Sessions yesterday, and he was brought to court by a deputy sheriff. Ellison was allowed to sit in front of the prisoners' "pen," behind a railing. This space is usually reserved for women prisoners. An officer who didn't know that Ellison was in custody said to him:

"See here, young fellow, you'll have to get out of this."

"What for?" asked Ellison, in astonishment. "None of your business; but if you don't get out I'll fire you out."

Just then some one who knew Ellison came up and explained the state of affairs to the officer.

Ellison was represented by Charles W. Brooke. Before the case was called District-Attorney De Lancey Nicoll entered the room and had a consultation with Recorder Smyth. He explained that Mr. Brooke was going to ask that Ellison be tried before another judge, on the ground that the Recorder was prejudiced against the defendant. Last September Ellison pleaded guilty to an unprovoked assault on Hugh Stevin, a liquor-seller at No. 213 Bleeker-st. The Recorder, in finding him guilty, said he had acted with malice aforethought and intended that he would punish him severely if he was arraigned before the Recorder again.

The judge called Mr. Brooke up, to whom Mr. Nicoll said:

"You don't really object to the Recorder sitting in this case, do you?"

"He ought not to sit," was the reply. "You ought not to ask me to do so." Mr. Brooke then explained to the judge himself. Mr. Nicoll insisted that the reason urged was of no weight whatever, that the step was a timely measure to give time to build up a case for those who had no case.

Recorder Smyth asked Mr. Brooke to write out his objection, promising to give his decision on Wednesday. Ellison was then taken back to the Tombs.

FREE BEDS, NOT BOODLE, WANTED.

'60 SAYS ALDERMAN GARLEY, WHOSE COMMITTEE HAS CHARGE OF THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL APPLICATION.

Some members of the Tammany Board of Aldermen were a good deal "worked up" over the Tribune's reference yesterday to the Board's failure to act upon the petition of the trustees of the Woman's Hospital for permission to sell the block now held by them, preparatory to the purchase of a site further uptown. Although the Legislature authorized the Board to grant the needed permission, the Law Committee has "held up" the case for six months. It is said that the New-York Central Railroad Company is willing to pay \$100,000 for the block when the Aldermen's permission is obtained, and that there is a "combine" in the Board to compel the trustees to "divvy."

Alderman O'Kearny, chairman of the Law Committee, defended his committee yesterday and denied the rumor that "boodle" was expected.

"What we're after," he said to the each Alderman, "is the privilege of naming a patient in the hospital, and that without having to ask the Mayor's approval. The trustees first proposed to give us twenty-four beds, but the application to the Board of Aldermen was that there are thirty-one members of the Board now, and we want a bed for each Alderman. They ought to give us thirty-one beds, so that the president could have the naming of a patient. When the trustees agree to this they will get a favorable report, but not any sooner."

WORK OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE.

At the session of the Board of Estimate yesterday, Commissioner Daly asked for more money for public uses; he got \$80,000, which he said would complete the One-hundred-and-fifty-fifth-st. viaduct. His request for \$50,000 to be expended in purifying the Croton River watershed was referred to Controller Myers. The Health Board received \$5,000 for its special medical inspectors and \$4,500 for an asphalt road and sidewalk paving of the new Reception Hospital in East Sixteenth-st.

Assessment bonds were authorized to the amount of \$250,000, and bonds for school purposes to the amount of \$43,225.

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